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REP. PETER KING
Anti-Muslim bias clouding judgment on state security.

N.Y. Rep. Ignore Real Terrorists

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Americans who hold dissident views regarding the U.S. government's official version of what happened on 9-11 can expect to find their views demonized in upcoming hearings being held on Capitol Hill.

Although the hearings — convened by fiery "conservative" Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee — are ostensibly devoted to the alleged threat of "Islamic radicalism in America," the fact is, by King's own admission, his concern about this matter was initially stimulated by his having heard remarks by some of his Muslim friends. In the days following the 9-11 tragedy, their remarks raised questions about the U.S. government's version of the 9-11 events.

King — a fervent supporter of the Jewish lobby — is not Jewish himself. Rather, he's an outspoken Irish Catholic with a long history of energetic support for the famed Irish Republican Army (IRA), which some people, especially Anglophiles, see as a "terrorist" organization.

Yet, this congressman — who supported Irish Catholic efforts to break Britain's imperial occupation of his ethnic homeland — doesn't seem to understand why many people consider him a hypocrite in light of his frequent angry denunciations of Muslims in America and elsewhere who object to Israel's imperial occupation of Palestine and the oppression of the Holy Land's indigenous Christians and Muslims.

King told *The Washington Post* Jan. 24 that his longstanding friendly relationship with his own Muslim constituents in his Long Island district — the *Post* said King had been "one of their community's closest friends" — came to an end when he heard several Muslim leaders quoted in the local press regarding their 9-11 opinions.

One of them, Ghazi Khankan, expressed his doubt that Muslims were the ultimate sponsors of the 9-11 attacks. Khankan asked, "Who really benefits from such a horrible tragedy that is blamed on Muslims and Arabs? Definitely Muslims and Arabs do not benefit. It must be the enemy of Muslims and Arabs. An independent investigation must take place."

The Westbury Mosque's co-president, Safdar Chadda, was quoted as saying "The Israeli government would benefit from this tragedy by now branding Palestinians as terrorists and crushing them by force."

Other Muslims angered King by pointing out that, in the immediate wake of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, there had been widespread allegations that "the Muslims" were responsible.

This claim continues to reverberate, with many pro-Israel voices in America, including former CIA Director James Woolsey, insisting that Osama bin Laden and/or Saddam Hussein, who were bitter enemies, had either individually or in collaboration set in motion the Oklahoma tragedy.

In any event, King told *The Post* regarding 9-11, "At this moment for our country, the worst attack on us in history, these people who I thought were my friends were talking about Zionists and conspiracies. They were trying to look the other way while friends of mine were being murdered."

Note that King only considers "conspiracies" an inappropriate discussion topic when it comes to the possibility of Israeli involvement in 9-11, which many informed people consider to be conclusive as outlined in AFP writer Victor Thorn's book, *9-11 Evil*. Now King is accusing his former friends at the Islamic Center of Long Island — where he often spoke and was even the guest of honor in 1993 when it opened its new prayer hall — of being "extremists" and "radicals" who should be under surveillance, despite the fact that no member of the center has ever even been accused of terrorism.

Regarding 9-11, King doesn't seem to be interested in the known Israeli spying operation on American soil — involving so-called "Israeli art students" — who were reported in a Drug Enforcement Administration report to be closely monitoring the alleged "Muslim hijackers" of 9-11 just weeks prior to that event.

Nor is King interested in the known Mossad operation involving at least two Israeli groups who were picked up in the New York area immediately after 9-11 after having been seen videotaping and celebrating the destruction of the World Trade Center's twin towers.

Despite his professed determination to fight terrorism, King doesn't seem to be concerned about the fact that Jewish American writer Thomas I. Friedman revealed in a little-noticed story, published in the Aug. 3, 1993 issue of the New York-based *Village Voice*, that a Palestinian involved in the first bombing of the World Trade Cente in 1993 — Ahmad Ajaj — was possibly a double agent reporting back to Israel's intelligence service, Mossad.

Although *The Spotlight* and later AMERICAN FREE PRESS reported repeatedly about Friedman's revelations (as repeated in this writer's book, *The Judas Goats**) few 9-11 researchers have picked up on this fact. If they have, many have hesitated to mention it, for fear of being accused of being "anti-Israel" or "anti-Semitic."

Another point lost in the fray is that the famed "al Qaeda terrorist manual" that was so widely discussed after 9-11 first surfaced in Ajaj's custody, sparking suspicion that the manual was an Israeli intelligence concoction.

King also seems to ignore the fact that the first terrorist act against America in the Middle East took place in 1954 when Israeli intelligence infiltrated its operatives into Egypt in a conspiracy to bomb the U.S. Information Agency office in Cairo, along with British government offices, in a scheme to blame the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood for the crime.

The Israeli intent was to make it appear as though the secular regime of then-Egyptian strongman Gamal Abdul Nasser — who sought to suppress the Muslim Brotherhood — was "unstable" and incapable of maintaining order, and thus was undeserving of American support.

Nasser — who stood in the way of Israel's dream of expanding its borders "from the Nile to the Euphrates," which encompasses much of the Arab Middle East — was then the prime target of Israel's imperial agenda. However, Nasser's security forces foiled the Jewish terrorists and executed several of them and imprisoned others. The public revelation of Israeli orchestration of the operation resulted in a major political scandal in Israel that is today remembered as "the Lavon Affair."

For years Israel denied its involvement, but subsequently the Israeli government publicly honored the Jewish terrorists who had plotted to attack American interests in Egypt.

And lastly, why isn't Peter King interested in Israel's attack on the the USS Liberty?

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